



POLLUTION TRAIL
Collection Sheet
(Middle to Upper Primary)

PLASTICS	NUMBER	METAL	NUMBER
bottles		cans, tins	
other containers		bottle tops	
six pack holders		car body parts	
cups, plates, household items		fragments/other	
packaging		STYROFOAM	NUMBER
fishing floats, lines, nets		eskies, containers	
strapping		fragments/other	
rope and cord		PAPER & CARDBOARD	NUMBER
fragments/other		cartons - milk, juice, etc	
plastic bags		fragments/others	
Plastic wrap eg. Glad Wrap		UNUSUAL ITEMS	NUMBER
chip packets			
lids			
GLASS	NUMBER		
bottles - beer, wine, soft drink etc.		TIMBER	NUMBER
light bulbs and tubes		any?	
fragments/other		CLOTHING	NUMBER
ALUMINIUM	NUMBER	any?	
cans		OTHER	NUMBER
foil and lolly wrappers		cigarette butts	
other		cigarette lighters	
RUBBER	NUMBER	cement	
thongs		food	
tyres		books	
fragments/other		SYRINGES	NUMBER
		any?	

What item contributed to the highest score? _____

Can you suggest why? (Where did it come from? how did it get there?) _____

Most unusual items: _____

OF INTEREST:

Approximate life span of some common items.

<i>newspaper</i>	<i>1 month</i>	<i>glass bottle</i>	<i>unknown</i>
<i>cotton shirt</i>	<i>1 –5 months</i>	<i>painted wooden stick</i>	<i>13 years</i>
<i>piece of hemp pole</i>	<i>3-14 months</i>	<i>aluminium can</i>	<i>200 - 500 years</i>
<i>woollen socks</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>plastic</i>	<i>450 years (depends on type as there are over 200)</i>
<i>bamboo stem</i>	<i>1-3 years</i>		